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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 20, 1983

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of December 23, 1982 concerning the imprisonment in Argentina of Jorge Enrique Arrieta.

The Department has no information concerning the welfare and whereabouts of Mr. Arrieta. We will inform the Embassy in Buenos Aires of your interest in Mr. Arrieta's case.

The Government of Argentina has, in the past year, released from detention some 400 prisoners held by the National Executive under the state-of-siege decrees, the so-called PEN prisoners. The current number of PEN prisoners is approximately 245. It is possible that Mr. Arrieta is among those released.

In the event that he is still being detained, the Embassy will inform you of his possible eligibility for the right of option.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

(X) Release () Excise () Deny

Exemption(s):

Declassify: () In Part () In Full

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Date Declassify on Reason

Alvin Paul Drischler
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
Hank Brown,
House of Representatives.

cc: American Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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